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**Amendment of the Japanese Nationality Act**

Supplementing the reports by *Yasuhiro Okuda* and *Hitoshi Nasu* in issue no. 26 (2008) pp. 101, the following information can be added:

1. The Act for amending the Japanese Nationality Act was promulgated on December 12, 2008 as Law No. 88, and came into force on January 1, 2009. The Act simply deleted the requirement of the parents' marriage. Article 3(1) of the Nationality Act after amendment provides:

A child (excluding a child who was once a Japanese national) under twenty years of age who was acknowledged by the father or mother may acquire Japanese nationality by filing with the Minister of Justice, if the father or mother who has acknowledged the child was, at the time of the child's birth, a Japanese national and is actually a Japanese national or was, at the time of his or her death, a Japanese national.

2. The Supreme Court of Japan translated its judgment on June 4, 2008, concerning the constitutionality of the Nationality Act into English. The translation is available at: <http://www.courts.go.jp/english/judgments/text/2008.06.04-2006.-Gyo-Tsu-.No..135-111255.html>

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